

SENATE BILL 2469

By Watson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4,
Chapter 29 and Title 49, Chapter 50, Part 7,
relative to the Watkins Institute commission.

WHEREAS, Watkins Institute was founded by Samuel Watkins in 1885 as a gift to the state of Tennessee in a testamentary trust; and

WHEREAS, Samuel Watkins, a self-educated Nashville businessman, left as a charitable legacy a school that would provide a useful education that would strengthen the city; and

WHEREAS, In the 1970's Watkins was incorporated as a nonprofit entity with a board of directors; and

WHEREAS, At present this fine institution, now known as Watkins School of Art and Design, serves over four hundred students on a campus that spans thirteen acres; and

WHEREAS, Although a special connection and bond exists between the school and the state of Tennessee, it is no longer practical or necessary for this long-standing educational institution to be subject to the governmental entity review law, compiled in Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-29-231(a), is amended by deleting subdivision (51) in its entirety.

SECTION 2. The general assembly reserves the right to review the Watkins Institute commission in a limited review audit, as provided in § 4-29-119.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.